Republic of the Philippines TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig City

82nd TESDA BOARD MEETING

09 May 2012; 2:00 p.m. 7th Floor TESDA Board Room, Office of the Chair Taguig City

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WHEREAS, Section 14 (b) of Republic Act No. 7796 mandates that TESDA shall develop and establish a national system of skills standardization, testing and certification and conduct research and development on various occupational areas in order to recommend policies, rules and regulations to effective and efficient skills standardization, testing and certification system in the country;

WHEREAS, previous Board meetings and resolutions have affirmed the need to focus the efforts and resources of the TESDA on priority qualifications identified by industry on the basis of the following:

- 1. Priority needs of the industry sector;
- 2. Nationwide application in terms of public interest/welfare;
- 3. Employment generation and investment opportunities; and
- 4. The criteria for skills standardization and certification, to wit;
 - Requiring relatively long education and training;
 - Performance of the competency affects and endangers people's lives and limbs; and
 - Competency involves the handling of complex equipment, tools and suppliers.

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the State under the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (Republic Act No. 10068) to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines as a way to protect the environment, increase farm productivity, and promote the welfare of farmers, consumers and the general public;

WHEREAS, the TESDA has long prioritized qualifications and training programs for agriculture in pursuance of the provisions of the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA-RA 8435):

WHEREAS, the promotion of organic agriculture is expected to result in increased demand for workers and technicians skilled in organic farm technologies and practices;

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WHEREAS, skills development is a critical component of the thrust toward organic agriculture;

WHEREAS, in the 13th Direction Setting-TESDA Board-TESDA Secretariat Consultation Meeting on 02 May 2012 at 3:00 p. m., the body recommended the prioritization of the qualification title of Organic Agriculture;

WHEREAS, in the 82nd TESDA Board Meeting on 09 May 20112 at 2:00 p.m., the TESDA Board considered and approved the prioritization of the aforementioned qualification title for training regulations development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the TESDA Board in its meeting today, 09 May 2012 at 2:00 p.m., approves and shall cause to be prioritized the aforementioned qualification title for Training Regulations development;

BE IT RESOLVED, FINALLY, that copies of the Resolution be disseminated to the concerned offices and stake partners for their information and guidance.

Adopted this 9th day of May 2012.

Atty. IMELDA T. ONG Board Secretary

Attested by:

SEC. EMMANUEL JOEL J. VILLANUEVA

Alternate Chair, TÉSDA Board

Director General

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